Revamped TUFS

*596. SHRI T.T.V. DHINAKARAN: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the New Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme, which is being revamped, starts from May, 2007;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the major portion of outlay will be utilized for servicing outstanding interest subsidy;

(d) if so, whether adequate funds will be available for new investment;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI SHANKERSINH VAGHELA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Servicing outstanding interest subsidy Is an integral part of the Scheme. "

(d) Sufficient allocation of funds has been demanded by the Ministry of Textiles.

(e) Does not arise.

(f) Does not arise.

Weapons seized by security forces

†*597. SHRIMATI MAYA SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that full record is not maintained with regard to - weapons seized by the security forces during operations or those recovered from the surrendering terrorists in Jammu & Kashmir;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(b) whether these weapons are sold illegally by the security forces to criminals or anti-social elements; and

(c) the number of such cases surfaced during the year 2005-06 and the action taken in such cases alongwith the number of those penalized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SHRIPRAKASH JAISWAL): (a) As per information available from the State Government of Jammu and Kashmir, proper records are maintained with regard to weapons seized/recovered by the Security Forces.

(b) The State Government of Jammu & Kashmir has reported that only one case took place in 2004 involving a Head Constable and a Special Police Officer. The case has been challaned in the court of law and both the accused persons are in jail now.

(c) No such case has been reported in 2005-06.

Review of CRF/NCCF norms

*598. SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Twelfth Finance Commission has notified the Calamity Relief Fund/National Calamity Contingency Fund for the period 2005-06 to 2009-10;

(b) whether Government have constituted an Expert Group to review the relief norms of CRF/NCCF;

(c) whether the Expert Group has submitted its report;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the action taken on the recommendations/suggestions made by the Expert Group?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a)Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Yes, Sir.